

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

STATE OF MISSOURI, *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP., in his official capacity  
as President of the United States of America,  
*et al.*,

*Defendants.*

No. 22-cv-1213

*Consolidated with No. 23-cv-381*

Judge Terry A. Doughty  
Mag. Judge Kyla D. McClusky

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL**

NOW COMES Joshua E. Gardner and moves to withdraw as counsel for Defendants. Good cause exists as Mr. Gardner is leaving the Department of Justice. In addition, Defendants are represented by other attorneys from the Department of Justice and will not be prejudiced by this withdrawal.

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Respectfully submitted,

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